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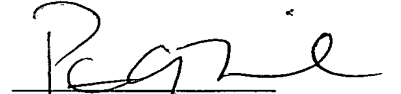
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German Patent Publication No. 196 42 906 discloses an electronic unit in a housing (4) common with the support housing for the hand brake lever (7). An English abstract of this publication is provided to better understand this reference.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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